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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--It is said that, in general, the amount of hydrogen taken out from a body-centered cubic structure type hydrogen storage metal alloy such as pure V and pure Nb is very low as compared with the theoretical amount (Hydrogen Storage Metal Alloy – Physical Properties and Applications, New Edition, by Yasuaki Osumi, published by Agne Technique Center, Japan, first printing of the first edition issued on October 30, 1993, page 309).--

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